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House of Representatives, January 29, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Representative GRAHAM of Houlton and Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle.

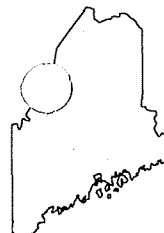
STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

**An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Aroostook County Finance
Committee.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the committee members are to be elected on the
Tuesday after the first Monday of November; and

8 Whereas, the nomination petitions must be completed before
the election date; and

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12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

16 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

18 **30-A MRSA §739, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 475,
20 §§1 and 2, is amended to read:

22 A. Finance committee members shall be elected on the
24 Tuesday following the first Monday of November in each
even-numbered year. Nominations for the office of finance
26 committee member are to be nonpartisan and are to be made by
petition in accordance with Title 21-A, chapter 5,
28 subchapter II, except that candidates need not verify by
oath or affirmation that they are not enrolled in a party
30 and the number of signatures of voters on a nomination
petition for a candidate in each district subdivision must
32 be at least 25 and not more than 40. The election shall
must be conducted and the results determined as provided for
the election of county commissioners in section 61.

34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
36 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 This bill clarifies the original intention of the
44 Legislature in establishing an election mechanism for the
Aroostook County Finance Committee. It specifies that the
46 nominated member shall be nonpartisan and that nominations for
the office of member of the committee must be made in the same
48 manner as nominations by petition for other public offices,
except that the petitions need have only 25 signatures and the
50 candidates need not swear or affirm that they are not members of
a political party.